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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on March 6, 2002 but the Examiner did not consider the references. No reason was given why the references were not considered. Thus, Applicants hereby attach a new PTO-1449 and enclose the full EPO documents along with English language abstracts for the Examiner's consideration and initialing thereof. The Examiner is requested to initial the PTO-1449 and return the initialed PTO-1449 to Applicants' representative.

If any questions remain regarding the above matters, please contact Applicants' representative, T. Benjamin Schroeder (Reg. No. 50,990), in the Washington metropolitan area at the phone number listed below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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